

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cancer preventive agent containing *Tricholoma matsutake* or an extract thereof.
- 5 2. The cancer preventive agent according to claim 1, wherein *Tricholoma matsutake* is a mycelium, a broth, or a fruit body (including a spore).
3. The cancer preventive agent according to claim 1, wherein *Tricholoma matsutake* is the FERM BP-7304 strain.
- 10 4. The cancer preventive agent according to claim 1, wherein *Tricholoma matsutake* is dried powder of the mycelium of the FERM BP-7304 strain.
5. The cancer preventive agent according to claim 1, wherein the extract of *Tricholoma matsutake* is a hot water extract or an 15 alkaline solution extract of the mycelium of the FERM BP-7304 strain.
6. The cancer preventive agent according to claim 1, wherein the agent is a colon cancer preventive agent.
7. A method of preventing a cancer which comprises administering to a human or an animal in an effective amount of the 20 cancer preventive agent of any one of claims 1 - 6.
8. A cancer preventive food containing *Tricholoma matsutake* or an extract thereof.
9. The food according to claim 8, wherein *Tricholoma matsutake* 25 is a mycelium, a broth, or a fruit body (including a spore).
10. The food according to claim 8, wherein *Tricholoma matsutake* is the FERM BP-7304 strain.
11. The food according to claim 8, wherein *Tricholoma matsutake*

is dried powder of the mycelium of the FERM BP-7304 strain.

12. The food according to claim 8, wherein the extract of *Tricholoma matsutake* is a hot water extract or an alkaline solution extract of the mycelium of the FERM BP-7304 strain.

5 13. The food according to claim 8, wherein the food is a colon cancer preventive agent.

14. A method of preventing a cancer which comprises the intake of by a human or an animal in an effective amount of the cancer preventive food of any one of claims 8 - 13.